

Bulldogs Defeat Thunderhawks Again

By Judy Rogers

The Golden Plains Bulldog basketball team defeated the Wheatland/Grinnell Thunderhawks for the second time this season with a 58-38 win over the Hawks in Rexford on February 9.

The Hawks scored an early free throw to start the game before baskets by Dylan Wark and Owen Patmon gave the Dogs a 5-1 lead. The Hawks answered to bring the game with one, but the Dogs continued to work the ball through the hoop to take a 14-9 lead by the end of the first.

The Dogs continued to work the ball around the floor to find openings in the second as Wark added another 10 and Abe Taylor 4. Their defense held the Hawks to 8 giving the Bulldogs a 28-17 lead at the half.

The Bulldogs could not be stopped as the tension in the gym increased. Wark and sophomore Diego Perez built the lead as the Hawks hit for 11 from Junior Gorczyca. Six in row from sophomore Zeke Weiner finished the quarter with a 44-28 Bulldog lead.

Both teams continued to play aggressively in the fourth as the noise in the gym escalated. Fouls were flying on both ends of the court—21 free throws were shot in the fourth quarter alone, 52 in the entire game. The Bulldogs once again outscored the Hawks 14-10 to claim the win 58-38.

Dylan Wark led the Bulldogs with 24 points. Diego Perez added 9, Zeke Weiner 8, Josh Rath 5, Abe Taylor 4, Miguel Garcia 3, Owen Patmon 3, and Will Bruggeman 2. Wark also pulled down 9 rebounds, Rath 8, Perez 8, Taylor 6, Garcia 5, Weiner 5, Bruggeman 4, and Patmon 1. Wark had 4 assists, Perez 2, Bruggeman 2, Rath 1, and Patmon 1. Rath had 2 steals, with 1 apiece by Wark, Weiner, Perez, Garcia, and Taylor.

The Bulldogs will host Rawlins County in Rexford on February 13 for their final home game of the regular season.